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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 22, 2005, a response being due with a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 22, 2005, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

In the Official Action, election was required between the patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. In particular, election was required between Species 1, as shown in Figures 1 - 2, wherein the sensor arrangement is operable to sense at least one feature present in the tool in the form of a projection on the tool; Species 2, in which the sensor arrangement is operable to sense at least one feature present on the tool in the form of a recess on the tool; Species 3, wherein the axially movable rods are arranged in "linear co-alignment"; and Species 4, wherein the sensor arrangement is operable to sense at least one feature present on the tool in the form of a magnetic element.